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Avoid the 30 Riverside County launches 2nd Weekend of Intensive Crackdown on Impaired Driving

Police vow to arrest everyone found driving 'Over the Limit'

Riverside, Ca. – <u>DUI Arrests UP & DUI Fatalities Down</u>

The Summer/Labor Day DUI crackdown on drinking drivers is starting its second weekend and has resulted in a number of DUI arrests from Special Saturation Patrols and routine patrol in the Riverside County "AVOID" DUI Campaign.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2008, through midnight, Wednesday, August 20, 2008, officers representing 30 county law enforcement agencies have arrested **19** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and 1 fatal traffic collision has been reported in the City of Riverside. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

DUI arrest data collection will continue through midnight Monday, September 1, 2008. Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti-DUI efforts throughout the county. Additionally, all CHP Areas throughout the state have 80% of all available officers patrolling freeways and county roads throughout the weekend.

5 DUI Checkpoints and 10 coordinated DUI Saturation Patrols are scheduled countywide for this weekend and additional Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols are scheduled for next weekend.

"Driving impaired is simply not worth all the consequences. So don't take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you're under arrest," said Avoid the 30 Riverside County coordinator Karen Haverkamp. "Pre-plan your special events by selecting a Designated Driver before the special event."

MEDIA NOTE: Please visit the AVOID website at www.californiaavoid.org and the Riverside County AVOID website at www.avoidthe30.org for more information or contact your local police for ride-alongs. Statistical data on the number of DUI arrests and DUI fatal crashes will be released from the previous day's activities.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1.

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